



69th **COMMENCEMENT**

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The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.

PROGRAM

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble Dr. Ricardo J. Espinosa, Conductor
National Anthem	Presentation of Colors ShowMe GOLD Color Guard
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Alan Marble President, Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker	Bryan Vowels Managing Director - Investments Vowels & Stovern Wealth Management Group, Wells Fargo Advisors
Presentation of Class.	Dr. Paula Carson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Master's Hooding	Dr. Thomas Schmidt Associate Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Lorinda Hackett Interim Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Marsi Archer Interim Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University

Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Alan Marble
Presentation of Diplomas	Platform Party
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Stephen E. Smith University Relations and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Paula Carson
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 18)	Mr. Adam Hajeh BSE K-12 Vocal Music Education, Lee's Summit
Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te"	Alfred Reed Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble Dr. Ricardo J. Espinosa, Conductor
Sign Language Interpreter	Ms. Mary Zustiak

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

BRYAN VOWELS

Bryan Vowels is a 1992 graduate of Missouri Southern State University, where he received the Outstanding Graduate and the Spencer Bartlett Respect awards.

At MSSU, he was involved with campus life including serving as president of Student Senate and Phi Beta Lambda. He went on to get his MBA from the University of Arkansas where he received the Sam Walton Achievement in Excellence in Leadership and Academics Award. He also holds his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and Chartered Financial Analyst® certifications. Bryan was named Outstanding Alumni from MSSU in 2012.

Bryan now serves as a Managing Director - Investments with the Vowels & Stovern Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. He and his team provide comprehensive wealth management advice to help their clients grow, protect and ultimately pass on their wealth to individuals and organizations they love. He also serves as branch manager for the Joplin Wells Fargo Advisors Office. In 2011 and 2014, he was named one of the top 100 branch managers in the country by On Wall Street.* Prior to joining Wells Fargo Advisors, he served as a national bank examiner with the U.S. Treasury Department and as a senior vice president for a local bank in Fayetteville, Ark.

Bryan and his wife, Leticia, have been active in the Joplin community since returning to the area in 2001. They both helped start the Aspire Scholarship Program that provides scholarships for single parents seeking a career-oriented degree. Bryan has coached soccer in the area the past 15 years and also helped start Rebuild Joplin after the tornado devastated the community in 2011.

He is past president of the United Way of SW Missouri and the Bright Futures USA Board. He currently serves on the MSSU Foundation, Bright Futures Joplin, and Community Foundation of the Ozarks Joplin Board of Directors. Bryan loves to golf, fish and travel. Leticia, Bryan and their three children are on a quest to see all 50 states.

**Ranking based on nominations from peers and firms. Nominees are evaluated on leadership; their ability to recruit, develop and retain talented advisors and dedication to superior client service. Winners are chosen by a panel of independent judges. The award is not reflective of past investment performance or client satisfaction.*



GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Li, Jie
Accounting
China

Sellers, Joseph Glenn
Accounting
Webb City

Smith, Lanette M.
Accounting
Webb City

Whistler, Anthony James
Accounting
Joplin

White, Raycee Kay
Accounting
Joplin

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Baldassarre, Alexandra Marie
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Campbell, Sharenda Lea
Human Resource Management
Sarcoxi

Hackett, Van Edward
General Management
Washburn

Maskus, Justin L.
General Management
Joplin

Moorhouse, Brian E.
Human Resource Management
Carl Junction

Nechai, Oleg
General Management
Ukraine

**Quackenbush,
Samantha Michelle**
Human Resource Management
Salina, KS

Ryan, Megan L.
General Management
Carl Junction

Schramm, Tabitha J.
Human Resource Management
Webb City

Vostrikov, Mykyta
General Management
Ukraine

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Adkins, Jordan L.
Administration
Joplin

Cullumber, Dawn Marie
Curriculum and Instruction
Webb City

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Clark, Christina M.
Criminal Justice
Farmington

Fenton, Cody Alan
Criminal Justice
Branson

Gregory, Joshua Scott
Criminal Justice
Jackson

Jessmer, Matthew Lee
Criminal Justice
Maysville

Labadie, Joshua Ryan
Criminal Justice
Prairie Village, KS

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

Latin Honors are earned by completing all hours of the junior and senior years in residence at Missouri Southern State University, with a minimum of those hours equaling 60 or more.
In addition, the cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 3.70.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Christopher Alleman
Mohammed Alnaser
Cathleen Bailey
Jessica Ball
Allison Banze
Ashley Bonnemier
Cassidy Chastain

Jennifer Chrest
Kylie Forbes
Hannah Fuller †
Lisbeth Haddox
Chelsi Hess ‡
Caleb House ‡
Arianna Jones

Stephen McAndrews
John Nguyen
Emily Nichols
Abijah Overman ‡
Ashley Pearce
Adrian Ramos
Hailey Roughton

Holly Simmons
Greg Skiles
Cori Smith
Savannah Stouffer
Veronica Wasson
Kerri Williams

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Courtney Adrian †
Abigail Finder
Taylor Garrett
Brett Graham

Anna Green
Chloe Hargrove
Matthew Hickman
Grady Howell

Shemron Modeste
Michael Morgan
Dillion Remshardt
Hannah Schwab

Mark Springston
Myranda Stewart
Ashlee Walter

CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Georgia Antillon
Helen Cha
Jordan Denefrio
Samantha Ervin

Lacey Hadaegh
Lane Ketterman
Caleb Miller
Tyler Shoup

Kelsey Sojka
Colby Walker
McKenzie Walker

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Christopher Alleman
Caleb House ‡
Roderick Peterson

SECOND HONORS

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Taylor Garrett
Matthew Hickman
Grady Howell
Mark Springston

THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Jordan Denefrio

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Allen, Brianna Elizabeth
Communication-Mass
Oswego, KS

Bailey, Sarah E.
French
Columbia

Bauer, Shelby Nichole
English-Professional/Technical
Writing
Webb City

Branham, Trenton Adam
Art-Visual
Webb City

Brooks, Blake Adam
History
Carl Junction

Canfield, Alicia Marie
Political Science
Jane

Compton, Kaleb C.
Art-Visual
Carthage

Freeborn, Lane Patrick
English-Literary Studies
Joplin

Green, Anna Elizabeth
Communication-Public Relations
Rochester, IL

Keeter, Emily Anne
English-Literary Studies, French
Joplin

Lucas, Maria Julia Uchoa Teixeira †
Political Science
Brazil

Payton, McKinzie Dawne
Communication- Mass
Carl Junction

Peavler, Kendra Nicole
Sociology
Webb City

Plank, Melody Amber
French
Asbury

Reynaga, Gregorio A.
Spanish
Farmington, AR

Salgado, Amanda Leah
English-Literary Studies
Joplin

Shoup, Tyler Stanton
Art-Visual
Carl Junction

Trent, Stephene Michelle
French
De Soto

Velasquez, Kathleen Nichole
Sociology
Monett

Wiseman, Grant M.
Political Science
Bella Vista, AR

Zook, Amanda Janelle
Spanish
Lee's Summit

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Bailey, Cathleen Denise
Fine Arts-Studio
Neosho

Ervin, Samantha L.
Fine Arts-Studio
Wyandotte, OK

Fox, Cheyenne Nichole
Fine Arts-Studio
Galena, KS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alleman, Christopher Eric
Criminal Justice Administration/
CIS- Computer Forensics
Peculiar

Allen, Brianna Elizabeth
Communication-Public Relations
Oswego, KS

Bartz, Bradly Allan
Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Belay, Begashow Solomon
Biochemistry
Rogers, AR

Boykins, Jeremy Javonte
Criminal Justice Administration
West Palm Beach, FL

Bressie, Steven Arthur
Criminal Justice Administration
Oronogo

Carpenter, Samantha K.
Environmental Health and Safety
San Jose, CA

Cochran, Colton B.
Biology
Bella Vista, AR

Corlett, Cole Alexander
Biochemistry, Chemistry
Webb City

Cornelius, Blaine Nathan
Criminal Justice Administration
Galena, KS

Deese, Jamie Kyle
Geography
Columbus, GA

Denefrio, Jordan Bethany
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Denton, Rachel Lee
Biology
Rocky Mount

Dominick, Daniel Nicholas
Environmental Health and Safety
Bonne Terre

Ellis, Emmaly LaUna
Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Feller, Kaycia Dawn
Biology
Joplin

Foley, Victoria Elizabeth
Sociology
Joplin

Forsythe, William J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Garrett, Taylor Renae
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Gehmann, Timothy Jacob
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Glass, Jonathan David
Communication-Mass
Oronogo

Gremard, Heather Renee
Biology
Bella Vista, AR

Guinn, Jake Waylon
Criminal Justice Administration
Anderson

Hadley, Joshua Lamar
Communication-Public Relations
Solano County, CA

Harris, Amber Kandece
Biology
Wentworth

Hendrix, Montana Dawn
Biology
Washburn

Hickman, Matthew Joe
Criminal Justice Administration
Purdy

Hodges, Tyler James
Political Science
Joplin

Horn, Brandy Lynne
Sociology
Joplin

Horn, Michaela Garnette
Biology
Joplin

Hurrell, Adam Paul
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Jensen, Dustin Arthur
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Keeling, Bobby Eugene
Biochemistry, Chemistry
Duenweg

Ketterman, Lane Matthew
Biology
Nevada

Kiblinger, Karissa Layn
Criminal Justice Administration
Kansas City

Kingry, Chelsea Lynn
Biology
Neosho

Lamb, Jesse
Biology
Joplin

Larson, Aubree
Sociology
Joplin

Laughlin, Abraham Todd
Political Science
Neosho

Lee, Cody A.
Communication-Mass
Joplin

Lenahan, Bailey N.
Biology
Carl Junction

London, Kyra A.
Criminal Justice Administration
Flemington

Lyons, Kalynn Rose
Environmental Health and Safety
Lansing, MI

McAffrey, Jacey Rae
Sociology
Neosho

McCollum, Danielle Nicole
Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

McCulloch, Kyle Ray
Computational Math/CIS-Math
Olathe, KS

McNealy, Demontra Aterian
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Maxwell, Clarence Elijah
Biology
Joplin

Melendez, Hector Manuel
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Mitts, Rachel A.
Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice
Marionville

Money, Melany Jan
Environmental Health and Safety
Colorado Springs, CO

Myers, Lance Alan
Biology
Carl Junction

Norman, William Teddy
Chemistry
Neosho

Oberley, Nathaniel David
Mathematics
Virginia Beach, VA

Overman, Abijah Blake ‡
Biochemistry
Joplin

Pennington, Brice Nicole
Biology
Carl Junction

Perkins, Veronica Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Elgin, OK

Peterson, Roderick LaZelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Rogers, AR

Rabbitt, Eric Sykes
Environmental Health and Safety
Italy

Reynaga, Gregorio A.
Biology
Farmington, AR

Reynolds, Malissa Mae
Criminal Justice Administration
Seligman

Richardson, Brittany Michelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Richardson, Kalleigh Maree
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Rodriguez, Otilio Francisco
Environmental Health and Safety
Wichita Falls, TX

Roeder, Phaze Breann
Communication-Mass
Yucca Valley, CA

Runge, Alissa Brooke
Political Science
Lebanon

Schellack, Kailey Marie
Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Scott, William Cody
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Simmons, Holly Virginia
Biology
Pierce City

Smith, Cori Marie Jian
Mathematics, Physics
Joplin

Smith, Travelle Marshaun
Criminal Justice Administration
Park Forest, IL

Solis, Jr., Jaime
Biology
Webb City

Sprenkle, Oliver Roy
Biology
Carl Junction

Springston, Mark Riley
Criminal Justice Administration
Duenweg

Stone, Holly C.
Political Science
Joplin

Stribling, Michael Ray
Criminal Justice Administration
Granby

Sumler, Angelo De'Markus
Criminal Justice Administration
Hampton, AR

Swindle, Cady Dawn
Criminal Justice Administration
Cassville

Thompson, Quenvonte Jerome
Environmental Health and Safety
Saint Louis

Trenoo, Emmanuel Kojo
Environmental Health and Safety
Highland Park, NJ

Trevino, Carolina Marie
Criminal Justice Administration
Centerton, AR

Urquhart, Cheyenne Kianna
Criminal Justice Administration
Springdale, AR

Weathers, Tristan Taylor
Environmental Health and Safety
Joplin

Wecker, Megan Mae
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Wigal, Laurette
Criminal Justice Administration
Bethany

Williams, Aisha Marie
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Wirtz, Jillian Marie
Communication-Mass
Lakeville, IN

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Hess, Chelsi D. ‡
Social Work
Scott City, KS

Lantz, Jennifer Lea
Social Work
Goodman

Reynolds, Lisha Renee
Social Work
Sarcoxie

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Alleman, Christopher Eric
Law Enforcement
Peculiar

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Law Enforcement
Miami, OK

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Law Enforcement
Oronogo

Cornelius, Blaine Nathan
Law Enforcement
Galena, KS

Denefrio, Jordan Bethany
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Ellis, Emmaly LaUna
Law Enforcement
Nevada

Fowler, Wade D.
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Pierce City

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Joplin

Gehmann, Timothy Jacob
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Hickman, Matthew Joe
Law Enforcement
Purdy

Hurrell, Adam Paul
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Kiblinger, Karissa Layn
Law Enforcement
Kansas City

London, Kyra A.
Law Enforcement
Flemington

McNealy, Demontra Aterian
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Melendez, Hector Manuel
Law Enforcement
Carthage

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Rogers, AR

Reynolds, Malissa Mae
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Joplin

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Joplin

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Law Enforcement
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Springston, Mark Riley
Law Enforcement
Duenweg

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Law Enforcement
Granby

Sumler, Angelo De'Markus
Law Enforcement
Hampton, AR

Swindle, Cady Dawn
Law Enforcement
Cassville

Trevino, Carolina Marie
Law Enforcement
Centerton, AR

Urquhart, Cheyenne Kianna
Law Enforcement
Springdale, AR

Wecker, Megan Mae
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Wigal, Laurette
Law Enforcement
Bethany

GENERAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Bankson, Dawn R.General Studies
Carthage**Berger, Trevor Allen**General Studies
Fairland, OK**Bonifant, Renee Jo**General Studies
Cartersville**Box, Shannon L.**General Studies
Granby**Braeckel, Josiah Simon**General Studies
Joplin**Bridgford, Annie Rebecca**General Studies
Joplin**Carter, Donavan Omar**General Studies
Pomona, CA**Casady, Olivia L.**General Studies
Granby**Chastain, Cassidy Jo**General Studies
Adrian**Coffman, Jacob Christian**General Studies
Pevely**Coovert, Ryan Aaron**General Studies
Belton**Downing, Kristie Mae**General Studies
Sarcoux**Foreman, Anna Karine**General Studies
Champaign, IL**Fullerton, Ryan Scott**General Studies
Joplin**Gawlik, Isabella Annette**General Studies
Bartlesville, OK**Gillis, Ryahn McCarthy**General Studies
Joplin**Hernandez, Daniel Jesus**General Studies
Santa Ana, CA**Johnson, Steven Dustin**General Studies
Webb City**Kingcade, Sarah Rita**General Studies
Warwick, RI**Krewson, Kristin Faye**General Studies
Fairland, OK**Lowry, Michael E.**General Studies
Joplin**Matsumura, Ashley Michell**General Studies
Rogers, AR**McAtee, Colton Edward**General Studies
Carthage**McKarus, Melissa Mae**General Studies
Lamar**Miles, Whitney Paige**General Studies
Webb City**Miller, Caleb Samuel**General Studies
Monett**Moffet, Noel Marie**General Studies
Granby**Murphy, Jerrod P.**General Studies
Joplin**Palmer, Lakin Nicole**General Studies
Independence, KS**Paternell, Ursula Marie**General Studies
Rogers, AR**Phifer, Savannah**General Studies
Mansfield**Phillips, Codi J.**General Studies
Joplin**Privett, Julian Santana**General Studies
Cedar Rapids, IA**Robb, Justin Scott**General Studies
Springfield**Rodriguez, Lucecita**General Studies
Monett**Smith, Severiano**General Studies
Webb City**Stockton, Valerie Anne**General Studies
Republic**Thornton, Shelbi Lilian LaFaye**General Studies
Garfield, AR**Ticnor, Ashley N.**General Studies
Branson**Vickers, Cory Joe**General Studies
Pineville**Walker, McKenzie Nicole**General Studies
Webb City**Weltha, Katherine Michelle**General Studies
Joplin**Williams, Samantha Danielle**General Studies
Bella Vista, AR**Wooton, Nichole Marie**General Studies
Grove, OK**Yang, YengZong**General Studies
Stella

ROBERT W. PLASTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adamson, Thomas James
CIS- Information Technology
Sarcoxie

Alekhine, Alexandre A.
Logistics
Carl Junction

Al Hamqan, Jassim Saeed
Industrial Engineering
Technology
Saudi Arabia

Alleman, Christopher Eric
CIS- Computer Forensics/Criminal
Justice Administration
Peculiar

Alsomali, Mohammed Othman
Industrial Engineering Technology
Saudi Arabia

Althagafi, Bahaa Essam
Industrial Engineering
Technology
Makkah, Saudi Arabia

Alwarsh, Hashim Abdullah A.
CIS-Information Technology
Saudi Arabia

Brownfield, Wesley Scott
CIS- Information Technology
Carthage

Burnside, Heath Allan
CIS-Information Systems
Purdy

Ernst, Jonathan David
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Finley, Casey William
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Herrera, Raul Abraham
Industrial Engineering
Technology
Joplin

House, Caleb Lee ‡
Industrial Engineering
Technology
McAlester, OK

Howell, Grady Ray
Industrial Engineering
Technology
Parsons, KS

McCulloch, Kyle Ray
CIS-Math/Computational Math
Olathe, KS

McSloy, Luke Sean
CIS- Information Technology
Carthage

Peyton III, Valentine
Logistics
Webb City

Richardson, Tevin J.
CIS-Information Technology
Bahamas

Shember, Cameron Michael
CIS-Information Technology
Carl Junction

Whistler, Dillan Lee
Logistics
Joplin

Williams, Rebecca Sue
CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Wilmoth, Robert David
CIS- Information Technology
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Adams, Stacey L.
Management
Bella Vista, AR

Alberto-Medina, Jr., Armando
International Business
Carthage

Alnaser, Mohammed Abdullah
Accounting
Saudi Arabia

Anderson, Natasha
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Armstrong, Matthew M.
Management
Joplin

Aspegren, Austin Jon
International Business
Omaha, NE

Barker, Gary Lee
Management
Joplin

Barnum, Kyle Louis
Management
Carl Junction

Bentz, Sarah Michelle
Finance
Joplin

Blalock, George Allen
Management
Fairland, OK

Branner, Joseph Nathaniel
Management
Joplin

Brooks, Aaron Paul
Management
Cassville

Brown, Kylie Jordan
Management, Human Resource
Management
Exeter

Burkett, Cheyla Brielle
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Bye.s, Clarissa Gayle
Management, Human Resource
Management
Sarcoxie

Campbell, Abbie G.
Accounting
Sarcoxie

Campbell V, James A.
Management, Human Resource
Management, International Business
Webb City

Carpenter, Courtney Ann
Accounting
Cherryvale, KS

Carter, Austin
Management
Joplin

Casados, Davin Antony
Accounting
Joplin

Cha, Helen Yia
Accounting
Springfield

Chrest, Jennifer Alyse
Accounting
Owasso, OK

Comer, Hilary Dawn
Accounting
Joplin

Cooper, Dakota M.
Marketing, Management, Human
Resource Management
Cassville

Cornwell, Megan LaRay
Management, Human Resource
Management
Carthage

Courtois, Jillian Nicole
Management, Human Resource
Management
Overland Park, KS

Cox, Hunter B.
Management
Baxter Springs, KS

Crannell, Alexandra Leigh
Management
Arlington, TX

Darkis, Gilvon Tate
Accounting
Wichita, KS

Davis, Jocqui Khalil
Marketing
Lewisville, TX

Deitz, Shelby Danielle
Management
Carthage

Dietz, Alexis Louise
Human Resource Management
Joplin

Dodson, Tenisha De'Cole
Marketing
Kansas City

Dowd, Trisha Maris
Management, Marketing
Noel

Eaton, Kathryn E.
Management
Saint Louis

English, Lakin Paige
Human Resource Management
Monett

Fields, Misty Rose
Management, Human Resource
Management
Neosho

Ford, Tracy Lane
Management, Human Resource
Management
Webb City

Foster, Joshua Ray
International Business
Bella Vista, AR

Ginger, Jack Nicklaus
Economics
Papillion, NE

Goforth, Jaime
Accounting
Westmoreland, KS

Grayson, Taylor Elaine
General Business
Carl Junction

Hall, Leslie R.
Accounting
Carl Junction

Hames, Deanna Kay
Management
Neosho

Hargrove, Chloe Dahlia
Accounting
Kansas City

Hayes, Lindsey M.
General Business
Joplin

Heiserman, Hanna M.
Human Resource Management
Appleton City

Hendry, Blair Leigh
Accounting
Orland, CA

Hernandez Zamacona, Carlos
Human Resource Management
Mexico

Hernandez Zamacona, Monserrate
Human Resource Management
Springdale, AR

Hill, Stacy J.
General Business
Springfield

Hinspeter, Kalee A.
Marketing, Management, Human
Resource Management
Webb City

Hold, Morgan Blane
General Business
Nevada

Holland, Eddie Lee
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Huff, Helen Grace
Management, Human Resource
Management
Reeds

Jeffrey, Sandi C.
Management, Human Resource
Management
British Virgin Islands

Johnson, Kimberly Michelle
Marketing
Rogers, AR

Johnson, Miriah Rhae
General Business
Joplin

Jones, Aaron Michael
Management
Rogers, AR

Keller, Kendra Denice
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Kelly, Ryan Amos
Management
Neosho

King, Amy Renee
General Business
Garden City

Koch, Sydney Jo
Management
Carl Junction

Koschade, Suzanne Marie
Management, Human Resource
Management
Webb City

Lansford, Taylor R.
International Business
Broken Arrow, OK

Mandeville, Cheyanne Cole
Human Resource Management
Webb City

McAndrews, Stephen Michael
Accounting
Galena

McConnell, Sandra Lynn
Accounting
Joplin

McCord, Marshall
Finance
Vinita, OK

McKlemurry, Taylor Brooke
Management
Neosho

Manning, Peggy J.
General Business
Webb City

Miller, Blaine Anthony
Management
Overland Park, KS

Nguyen, John Hai Duong
Accounting
Joplin

Nibbs, Jevaughn Amos
Accounting
British Virgin Islands

Norris, Danielle Ashley
Finance
British Virgin Islands

Olsen, Karen Lynn
Accounting
Carthage

Oxendine, Miranda Jane
General Business
Granby

Palmer, Jeremy Dwain
Management, Human Resource
Management, Marketing
Seneca

Patel, Nensi P.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Afton, OK

Payne, Collan Gail
Human Resource Management
Kearney

Pickering, Glenn Connor
Management
Bentonville, AR

Ponce, Jonathan Josué
International Business
Joplin

Post, Corie Elizabeth
Accounting
Monett

Powell, Caleb Lee
Management, Human Resource
Management
Webb City

Praytor, Brooke Elizabeth
Marketing
Joplin

Pritchett, Kermit S.
General Business
Nevada

Reeves, Diana J.
Accounting
Carl Junction

Reid, Kayla Christine
Management
Joplin

Richardson, Miranda Nikohl
Management, Marketing
Kansas City

Riley, Destrey Wardell
General Business
El Dorado Springs

Roderique, Jay Michael
Economics
Webb City

Rosinski, Kendra Megan
General Business
Neosho

Roughton, Hailey Jenalle
Management, Human Resource
Management, Marketing
Joplin

Rush, William T.
Management, Human Resource
Management, Marketing
Linn

Salas, Alejandra
Management, Human Resource
Management
Monett

Salyer, Edwin Lawrence
Management
Sarcoxie

Seely, Stephanie Denise
Management, Human Resource
Management
Nixa

Shoemake, Jessica Lorraine
Marketing
Lexington, KY

Skiles, Greg B.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Carl Junction

Smith, Jacob Samuel
Management, Human Resource
Management
Carthage

Sohovich, Ashley Gabrielle
Accounting
Elsberry

Spencer, Jennifer M.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Stark City

Stewart, Sandy Renee
Accounting
Tahlequah, OK

Stewart, Stacy Jenay
General Business
El Dorado Springs

Stewart II, Thomas Rogers
Management, Human Resource
Management
Prairie Grove, AR

Stouffer, Savannah L.
Marketing, Management, Hu-
man Resource Management
Neosho

Stratman, Tyce G.
Finance
Vienna

Tackett, Nathaniel Paul
Marketing
Joplin

Taylor, Elizabeth G.
Management, Human Resource
Management
Neosho

Thomas, Andrew Dice
Management
Webb City

Turner, Michelle Christine
Finance
Joplin

Vice, Shanna Renee
Accounting
Wyandotte, OK

Vigano, Kevin Joseph
Management
Joplin

Walker, Colby H.
Accounting
El Dorado Springs

Wang, Kai
Economics
China

Wantland, Melinda Marie
Management
Cherryvale, KS

Wasson, Veronica ‡
Accounting
Joplin

Williams, Brooke Elizabeth
Management, Human Resource
Management
Joplin

Winfiel, Kelly D.
Accounting
Duenweg

Witt, Jarred
Management
Monett

Wormington, Bailey Donn
Management
LaRussell

Yang, Maehnou
Accounting
Diamond

Zhu, Yichao
Marketing
China

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Adamson, Thomas James
CIS- Information Systems
Sarcoxie

Al Hamqan, Jassim Saeed
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Saudi Arabia

Alexander, Rodger
Albert Walker
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Alleman, Christopher Eric
CIS- Information Systems
Peculiar

Alsomali, Mohammed Othman
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Saudi Arabia

Althagafi, Bahaa Essam
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Makkah, Saudi Arabia

Brownfield, Wesley Scott
CIS- Information Systems
Carthage

Burns, Bryan Kenneth
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Carthage

Burnside, Heath Allan
CIS-Information Systems
Purdy

Finley, Casey William
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

Herrera, Raul Abraham
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Joplin

House, Caleb Lee ‡
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
McAlester, OK

Howell, Grady Ray
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Parsons, KS

Jack, Dakota London Ray
Manufacturing Engineering
Technology
Sarcoxie

McSloy, Luke Sean
CIS- Information Systems
Carthage

Richardson, Tevin J.
CIS-Information Systems
Bahamas

Shember, Cameron Michael
CIS-Information Systems
Carl Junction

White, Lucas Julian
CIS- Information Systems
Pineville

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Nichols, Emily A. ‡
Psychology
Joplin

Ramos, Adrian A.
Psychology
Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Browning, Joann Meria
Psychology
Joplin

Harris, Amber Kandeecce
Psychology
Wentworth

Harry, Muriel M.
Psychology
British Virgin Islands

Hart, Ashley N.
Psychology
Quapaw, OK

Hatfield, Tori L.
Psychology
Webb City

Jones, Taylor Michael
Psychology
Joplin

Kenyon, Jennifer Rosella
Psychology
Oklahoma City, OK

Lawson, Derrick W.
Psychology
Duenweg

Martin, Brandon
Health Promotion and Wellness
Nixa

Maugans, Courtney Danielle
Psychology
Butler

Moore, Jacob Allen
Psychology
Seneca

Morgan, Michael Taylor
Psychology
Carthage

Provins, Kristy Ann
Psychology
Joplin

Stewart, Myranda Shay
Health Promotion and Wellness
Owasso, OK

Teal, Kristy Dianne
Psychology
Chetopa, KS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Adrian, Courtney Nicole †
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Antillon, Georgia Caroline
K-12 Education-Spanish
Webb City

Ball, Jessica Marie
Elementary Education-Early Childhood
Cassville

Beall III, Nathan Francis
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Grove, OK

Bonnemier, Ashley Ann
Middle School Education-Language Arts
La Vista, NE

Boykin, Channing Christine
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Mountain Grove

Campbell, Shelby L.
Elementary Education-Special Education
Carl Junction

Elliott, Haley Dawn
Elementary Education-English/Language Arts
Oronogo

Forbes, Kylie Joy
Middle School Education-Math
Pineville

Fuller, Hannah Rachel †
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Joplin

Graham, Brett Lewis Chesterton
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Gutierrez, Marcos Rey
Secondary Education-English
Dodge City, KS

Haddox, Lisbeth Nicole
Middle School Education-Science
South Coffeyville, OK

Harp, Joshua D.
Middle School Education-Social Studies
Webb City

Harper, Brittany Danielle
Middle School Education-Science
Galena, KS

Harris, Tylan Trevon
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Sulphur Springs, TX

Hendrickson, Carly Nicole
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Hiwassee, AR

Hidalgo, Myra Alexandra
Elementary Education-Social Studies
Carthage

Jones, Arianna C.
Secondary Education-English
Osage Beach

Kyser, Lydia Bethany
Secondary Education-English
Carl Junction

Marable, Rodney Darrius
Secondary Education-English
St. Louis

Matheson, Amanda Gwendolyn
Middle School Education-English/Social Studies
Webb City

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* May or July Graduate

Milner, Paige Danielle
Elementary Education-Social
Studies
Webb City

Moeller, Trenton Lee
K-12 Education-Physical
Education
Webb City

Moore, Keli R.
Elementary Education-Social
Studies
Carthage

Pearce, Ashley Nichole
Secondary Education-Chemistry
Dearing, KS

Remshardt, Dillion Christopher
Middle School Education-Social
Studies
Park Hills

Smith, Kaylene N.
Elementary Education
Marshfield

Sojka, Kelsey Marie
Elementary Education-TESOL
Bella Vista, AR

Vene, Kelsey Jeannette
Elementary Education-Social
Studies
Joplin

Walter, Ashlee Brooke
Elementary Education
Hilliard, OH

Weston, Brandy L.
Elementary Education-Social
Studies
Webb City

Woodring, Chelsea Mae
Elementary Education-Language
Arts
Joplin

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Alghamdi, Essa Taus
Mubarak
Health Science-Paramedic
Saudi Arabia

Almotairy, Ibrahim
Health Science-Paramedic
Saudi Arabia

Alqahtani, Abdulrahman Saeed
Jabbar
Health Science-Paramedic
Saudi Arabia

Alsharif, Shuruq Mahjoob
Health Science-Business Life
Saudi Arabia

Anyan, Blake Alan
Health Science-Respiratory
Therapy
Pacific

Banze, Allison E.
Health Science-Respiratory
Therapy
Warrenton

Bowman, Adelene Carol
Health Science-Paramedic
Chamois

Brooks, Danielle Lynn
Health Science-Radiologic
Technology
Nixa

Carpenter, Shelby Caitlin
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Rogers, AR

Carper, Sonya Michelle
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Grove, OK

Draper, Mary Cecilia
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Dixon

Enslen, April Marie
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Waynesville

Hadaegh, Lacey Jo
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Parsons, KS

Heathman, Kendall J.
Health Science-Radiologic
Technology
Nevada

Kalama, Martin
Health Science-Respiratory
Therapy
Columbia

Miller, Victoria Anne
Health Science-Business Life
Nevada

Modeste, Shemron C.
Medical Technology
Joplin

Neher, Staci D.
Health Science-Paramedic
Jasper

Pope, Haley Denise
Health Science-Business Life
Carl Junction

Rada, Marysol
Health Science
El Paso, TX

Reed, Trisha Lynn
Health Science-Business Life
Joplin

Robinson, Jamie Michelle
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Altamont, KS

Robinson, Lauren Elizabeth
Health Science-Radiologic
Technology
West Plains

Schwab, Hannah Elizabeth
Health Science-Business Life
Pittsburg, KS

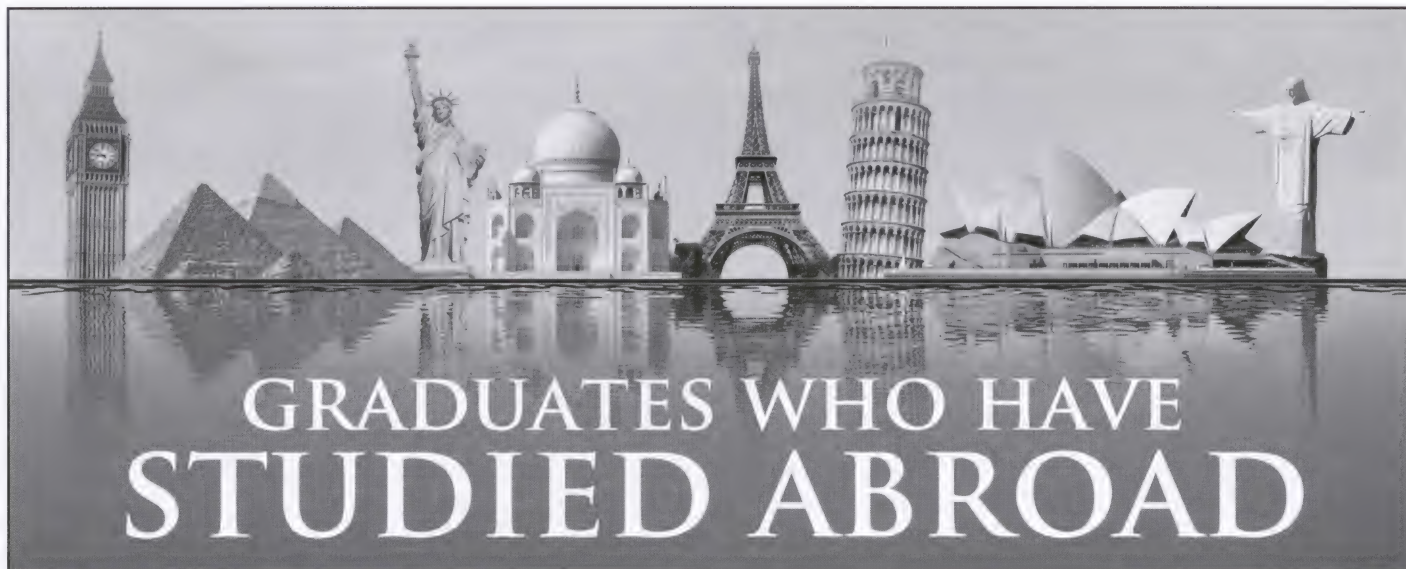
Stringfellow, Ayana Cora
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Hayti

Talbert, Kelsey Dawn
Health Science-Business Life
Monett

Thao, Linda
Health Science-Respiratory
Therapy
Lincoln, AR

Webb, Paula Jayne
Health Science-Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Williams, Kerri Michelle
Health Science-Radiologic
Technology
Webb City



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Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,200 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Alberto, Armando
Germany, Ukraine

Alekhine, Alexandre
Germany, Ukraine

Allen, Brianna
Italy, South Korea

Aspegren, Austin
Germany, Ukraine

Bailey, Cathleen
Sweden

Bailey, Sarah
France

Bridgford, Annie
Sweden

Campbell, James
Germany, Ukraine

Deese, Jamie
South Korea

Denefrio, Jordan
Argentina

Denton, Rachel
Belize

Foster, Joshua
Ghana

Fox, Cheyenne
Sweden

Freeborn, Lane
France

Gawlik, Isabella
Canada

Ginger, Jack
Germany, Ukraine

Huff, Helen
Germany

Keeter, Emily
France

Lamb, Jesse
Czech Republic,
Denmark, Poland

Lansford, Taylor
Germany, Ukraine

Lenahan, Bailey
Belize

Mandeville, Cheyenne
United Kingdom

McCollum, Danielle
France

Miller, Caleb
United Kingdom

Moore, Jacob
Belize

Nechai, Oleg
Germany, Ukraine

Nguyen, John
Ghana

Payton, McKinzie
Germany

Peavler, Kendra
United Kingdom

Phifer, Savannah
Sweden

Plank, Melody
France, South Korea

Pope, Haley
Belize

Ramos, Adrian
Belize

Roeder, Phaze
United Kingdom

Sellers, Joseph
Germany

Sohovich, Ashley
Japan

Stouffer, Savannah
Germany, Ukraine

Trent, Stephane
France

Vickers, Cory
Belize

Vostrikov, Mykyta
Germany, Ukraine

Walker, McKenzie
South Korea

Weltha, Katherine
Sweden

White, Raycee
Italy

Wirtz, Jillian
Germany

Yang, YengZong
Japan

50TH ANNIVERSARY AT MISSION HILLS

Missouri Southern's 50th anniversary at Mission Hills was celebrated with a campus rededication ceremony in late October in front of Hearn Hall.

The university hosted many alumni, faculty members and friends from its early years - notably, many of the children of Southern's founding fathers.

The special event featured a proclamation from Missouri Senator Ron Richard, a lantern lighting with President Alan Marble and the founders' descendants, and remarks from many people who were part of the establishment of the university.

Missouri Southern, located on the Mission Hills farm, was officially dedicated on Oct. 29, 1967. Joplin Junior College, its predecessor, was founded in 1937.



FOUNDATION ACQUIRES FORMER LIBRARY

The Joplin City Council recently approved an agreement for the Missouri Southern Foundation to acquire the former Joplin

Public Library building at 300 S. Main St.

The foundation has six years to raise the funds necessary to renovate the facility and make it ready for transfer to the university. An adjacent parking lot on Third Street is also included in the deal.

Discussions with academic departments across all disciplines have begun in order to determine which programs would be best suited for the downtown location. The next step will be to kick off a \$10 million fundraising campaign to bring the project to fruition.

Following a presentation to the city council in August, the university and the city attorney began negotiating a formal contract to acquire the building.



KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL VISITS

The Honorable Jong-Kook Lee, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago, spoke on "Korea-U.S. Relations: Past, Present, Future" during a visit to campus on Nov. 10.

Lee discussed how the relationship between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America has evolved over the past 60 years.

"After learning that MSSU was celebrating the Korea Semester this fall, the Consul General thought it was important for him to come to campus to close the semester for us," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago covers the 13 states in the Midwest and is responsible for the largest area among all the Consulates General in the United States.



GREEN COAT CEREMONY

A Green Coat Ceremony for the future physicians making up the inaugural Yours to Lose cohort was held in August in Connor Ballroom at Missouri Southern.

The Yours to Lose - Advanced Medical School Acceptance Program is an exclusive, one-of-a-kind partnership with KCU. It allows a cohort of Missouri Southern students to be admitted to KCU's new Joplin medical school at the same time they are accepted to MSSU.

Pre-med students in the program will obtain their bachelor's degree in biology during an accelerated, three-year course of study before seamlessly transitioning into their first year of medical school. The program will not require them to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

The coating ceremony marked the start of the students' academic career and early acceptance into medical school

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



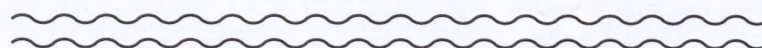
shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE AND REGALIA CORDS

As early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna and Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown: Fine Arts • **Crimson:** Journalism • **Dark Blue:** Philosophy • **Golden Yellow:** Science
Lemon Yellow: Library Science • **Light Blue:** Education • **Pink:** Music
Purple: Law • **Sage Green:** Physical Education • **Scarlet:** Theology • **White:** Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Regalia Cords

Alpha Chi: Gold • **Veteran's:** Red, White, and Blue • **Honors Program:** Green • **Athletics:** Green and Gold
Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society: Antique Gold and Light Blue
Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold
Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold
Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green
National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided blue, black and white
International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided gold and purple
National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White
Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green
International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue
National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue



1973 – 1974

Harry Gockel*
History & Geography

Martha Ann McCormick*
Mathematics

1976 – 1977

Dorothy Stone*
Business Administration

1978 – 1980

Lloyd Dryer*
Psychology

Cleetis Headlee*
English & Philosophy

1980 – 1981

Fred Cinotto*
Administrative Assistant

1983 – 1985

Julie Hughes*
Social Sciences (History)

Grace C. Mitchell*
English & Philosophy

1985 – 1987

Enid Blevins
English & Philosophy

1995 – 1996

Loretta Frazier*
Head Librarian

1999 – 2001

J. Merrell Junkins
Psychology

Gail Renner*
Social Sciences (History)

2002 – 2004

Duane L. Hunt
Theater

Richard Massa
Communication

2008 – 2010

Julio S. Leon
Business

2010 – 2012

Betsy Griffin
Psychology

Virginia Laas
Social Sciences (History)

William Livingston
Mathematics

Melvyn Mosher*
Chemical & Physical Sciences

2011 – 2012

Jim Jackson
Biology & Environmental Health

2012 – 2013

John Messick
Biology & Environmental Health

2013 – 2014

Sam Claussen
Theater

2014 – 2015

Art Saltzman*
English & Philosophy

2015 – 2016

Al Cade*
Teacher Education

Patsy Lipira
Kinesiology

2016 – 2017

Theresa Agee
Business

Grace Ayton
Nursing

Beverly Block
Business

Al Carnine
Music

Jim Gray
Business

Patricia Murphy
English & Philosophy

John Tiede
Accounting

2017- 2018

Deborah Brown
Teacher Ed

Jack Spurlin
Criminal Justice